



Heber Valley Corridor



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Heber City Council

April 15, 2025

Alternatives for Draft EIS



WB1 FF West bypass – limited access and free-flow intersections

⇒ **Alternative A (on US-40)**

WB3 FF West bypass – limited access and free-flow intersections with northern extension

⇒ **Alternative B (off US-40)**



Project Purpose & Need

The purpose of the Heber Valley Corridor Project is to improve regional and local mobility on US-40 from SR-32 to US-189 and provide opportunities for non-motorized transportation while allowing Heber City to meet their vision for the historic town center.

HEBER VALLEY BY THE NUMBERS

2050 NO-ACTION SOUTHBOUND TRAVEL TIMES



REGIONAL POPULATION GROWTH BY 2050

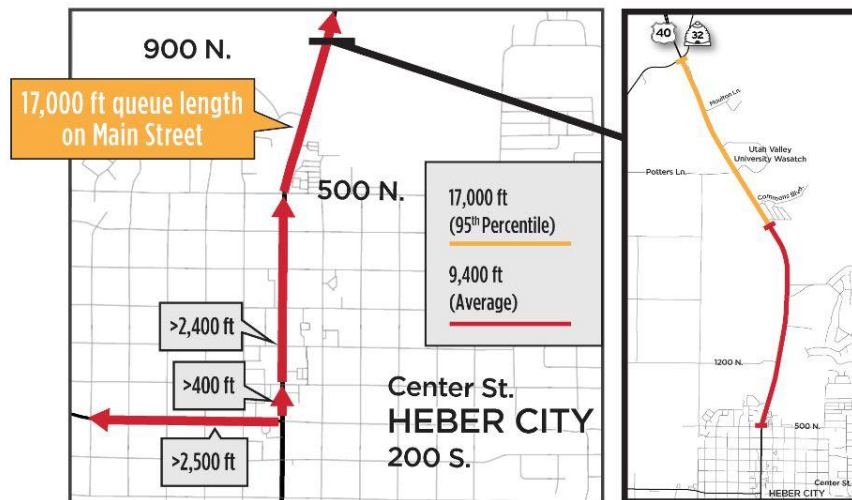
Wasatch County **103% GROWTH**
Heber City* **84% GROWTH**

Summit County **34% GROWTH**

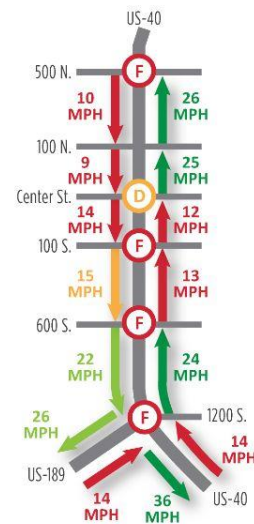
Combined new residents **55,518**

**Heber City's population is projected to increase by 84% by 2050, making up half of Wasatch County's population growth.*

2050 No-action

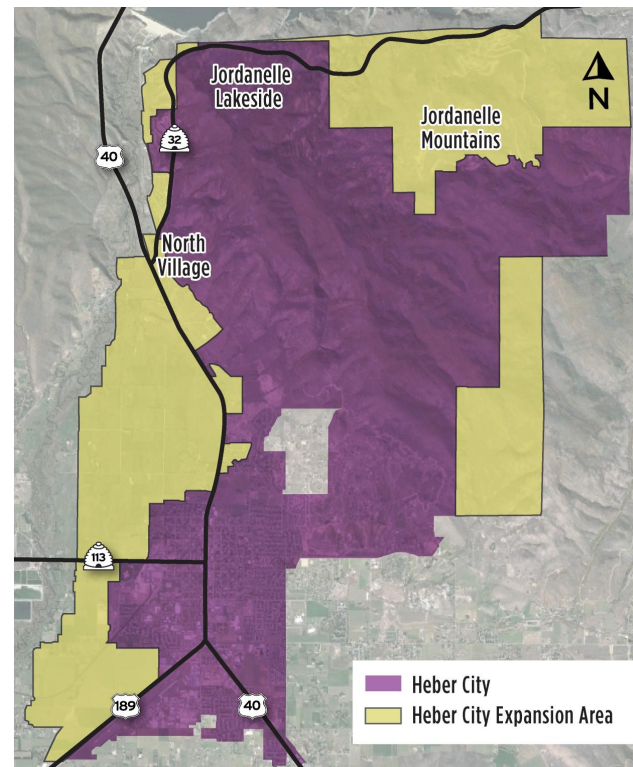


2050 No-action

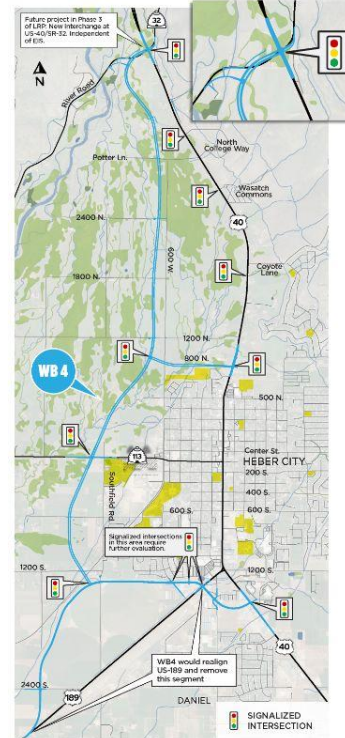
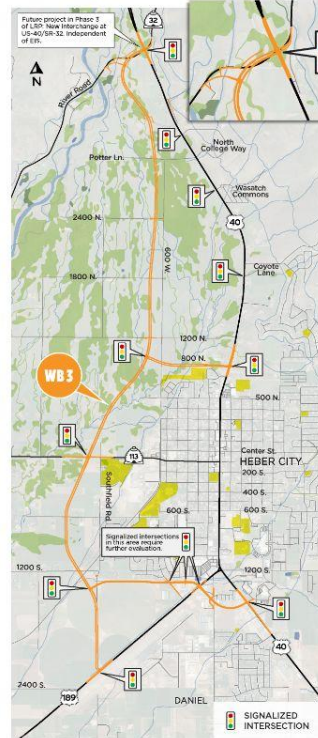
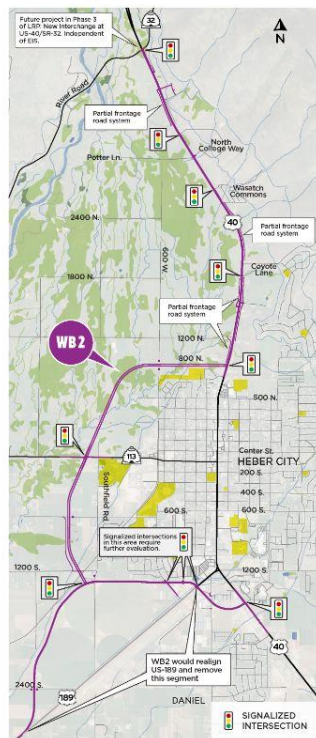
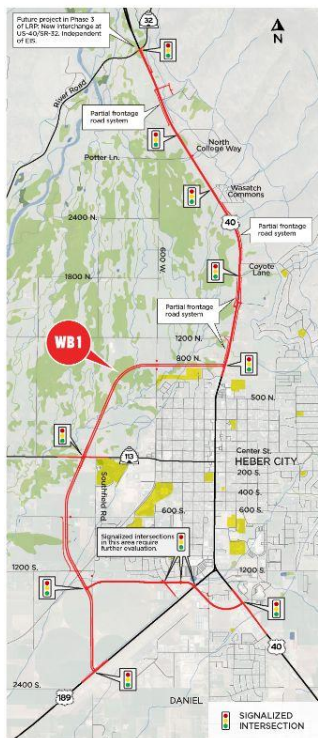
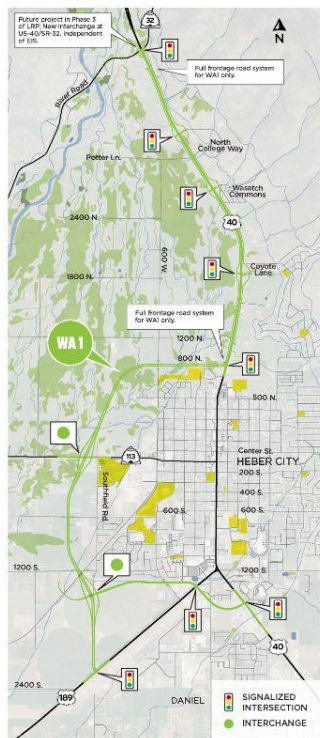


Traffic Model Updates

- **Traffic forecast based on local government-approved development**
- **Old model did not include all approved development east of North US-40**
- **30% more traffic on North US-40 (*similar to Bangerter & University Parkway*) and 10% more on Main Street than previously assumed**
- **All 2023 alternatives needed improvements to meet new demand**



Alternatives from Final Screening Report in 2023



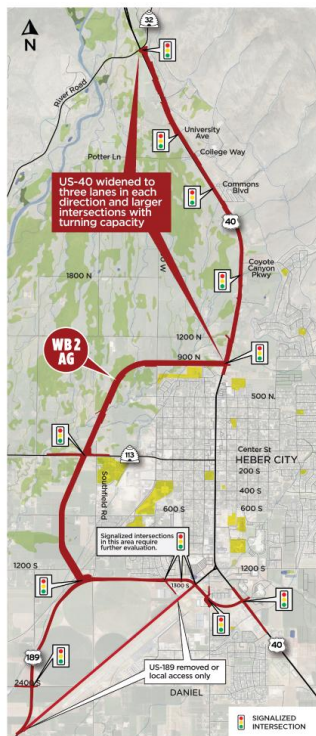
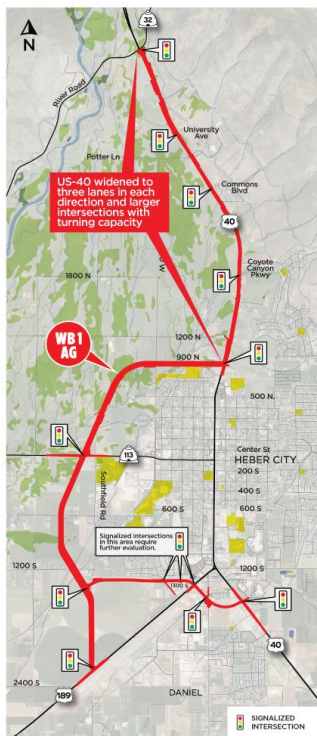
Changes to the 2023 Alternatives

Upgrades necessary to meet 2050 traffic needs based on new model

- **2023 alternatives were *at-grade* except for WA1**
 - An at-grade intersection is where two or more roads cross each other on the same plane.
 - This typically involves traffic signals, stop signs, or roundabouts to manage traffic flow.
- **Updates include adding *free-flow* options**
 - Free-flow means traffic does not need to stop.
 - Instead of traffic signals, there would be a bridge or interchange allowing vehicles on the bypass to traverse the valley without stopping.
 - WA1 folded into WB1 Free-Flow alternative.

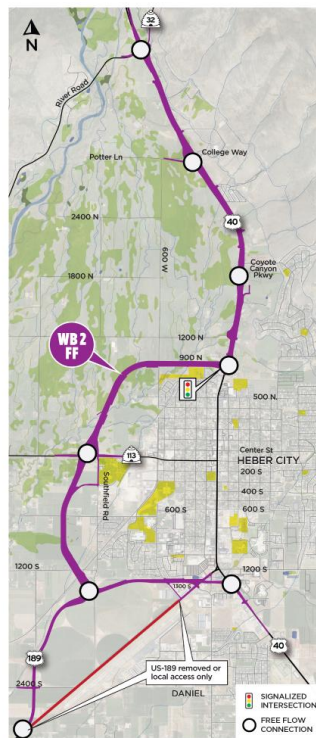
At-Grade Alternatives Considered

2025 Re-Screening



Free-flow Alternatives Considered

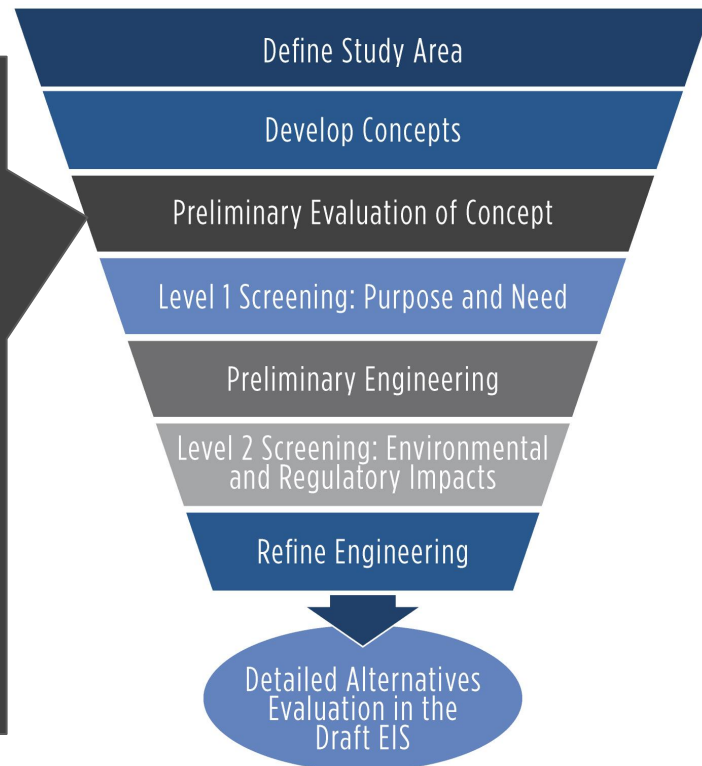
2025 Re-Screening



Alternative Screening Process

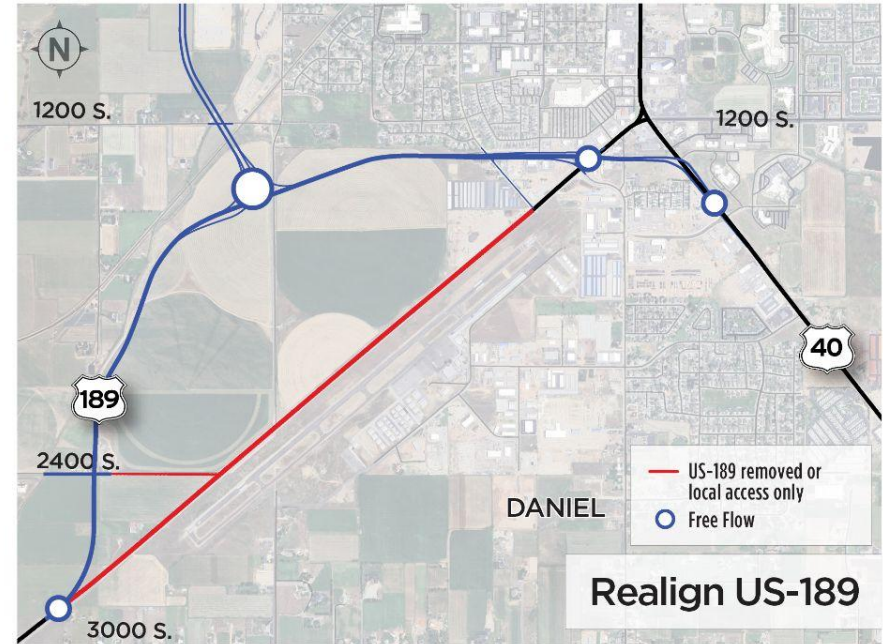
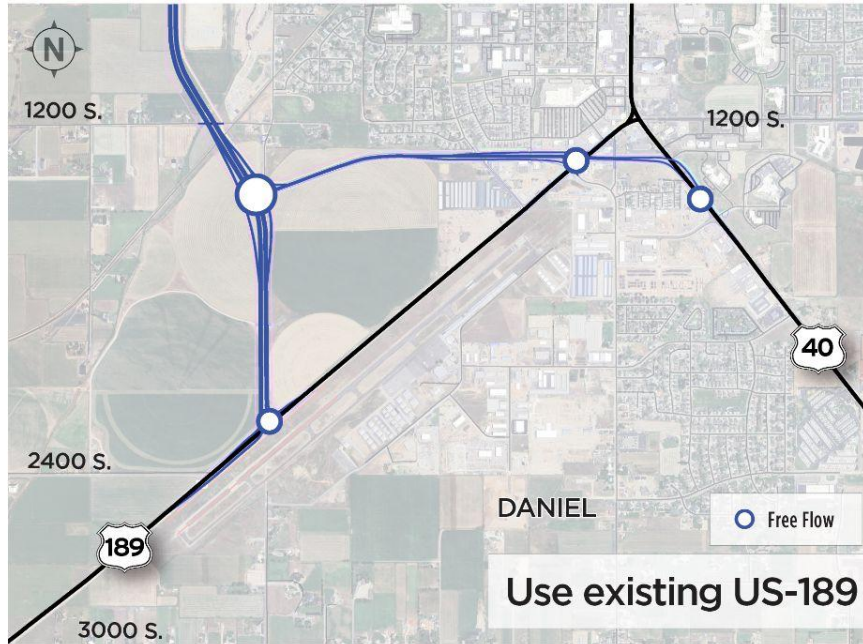
The process started with a preliminary evaluation of alternatives. To be advanced to the next level of screening, alternatives needed to:

- ✓ Meet project objectives
- ✓ Not be redundant with other alternatives
- ✓ Be within the project study area
- ✓ Be technically and economically feasible
- ✓ Not be planned as a separate project
- ✓ Not be part of a larger alternative



Preliminary Screening

Existing US-189 vs Realign US-189



Preliminary Screening Results

ALTERNATIVE or CONDITION	Travel Time (Southbound) (minutes:seconds)				Traffic Volume on 1300 South in 2050	Sewer Field Impact (acres)	Advanced to Level 1 Screening
	SR-32 to US-189		SR-32 to US-40				
	Via Corridor	Via Main Street	Via Corridor	Via Main Street			
Existing conditions (2019)	—	10:55	—	9:15	—	—	—
US-40 No-action (2050)	—	23:40	—	21:50	—	—	Yes
WB1 AG	10:20	14:45	11:45	13:00	7,000	39.7	Yes
WB2 AG <i>US-189 realigned</i>	10:15	15:10	11:55	12:10	18,600	38.8	No
WB3 AG	8:15	14:05	9:35	12:15	7,700	39.7	Yes
WB4 AG <i>US-189 realigned</i>	8:10	15:50	9:50	12:45	18,500	38.8	No
WB1 FF	7:25	13:55	7:50	12:25	—	54.8	Yes
WB2 FF <i>US-189 realigned</i>	7:20	15:05	7:50	12:10	—	70.5	No
WB3 FF	6:15	14:55	6:35	13:30	—	54.8	Yes
WB4 FF <i>US-189 realigned</i>	6:05	15:50	6:40	12:45	—	70.5	No

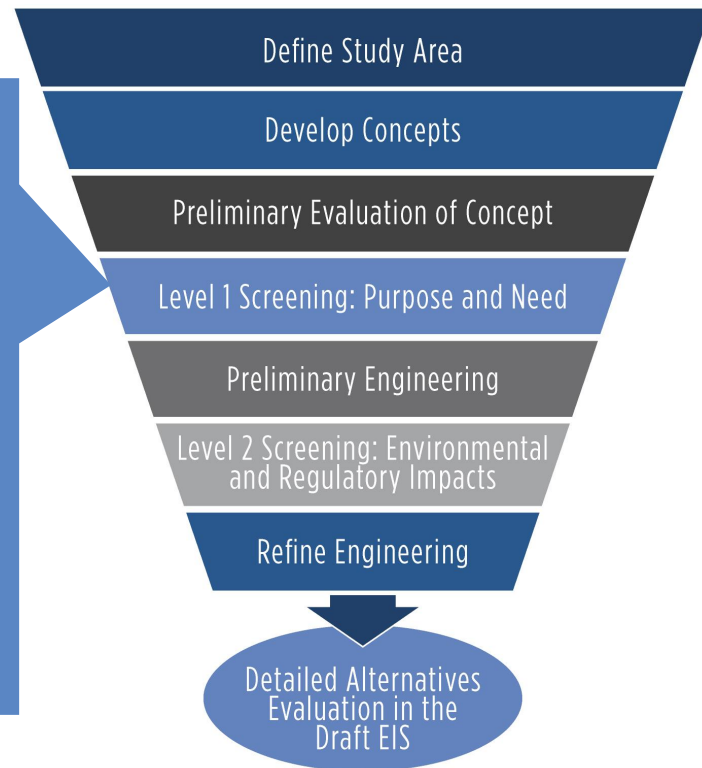
Rationale for Eliminating Alternatives that Realign US-189

Resource or Location	Considerations for Eliminating Re-Aligning US-189
Traffic operations and regional mobility	No benefit to realigning US-189 with respect to regional mobility; it increases travel time and potential cut-through traffic on 3000 South for south US-40 trips Redundant with alternatives that do not realign US-189
1300 South	Increases traffic on 1300 South and increases potential for noise impacts
Right-of-way	Requires additional residential property acquisitions compared to the alternatives that do not realign US-189
Sewer fields	Would result in similar or greater impacts
Main Street traffic operations	Realignment alternatives may need to retain existing US-189 roadway for local access, limiting bypass effectiveness for Main Street traffic
Cost	Higher cost because it would create a longer route into downtown Heber than original US-189 route

Level 1 Screening Process

Transportation considerations evaluated include:

- **Improve regional and local mobility on US-40 through 2050**
- **Provide opportunities for non-motorized transportation**
- **Allow Heber City to meet their vision for the historic town center**



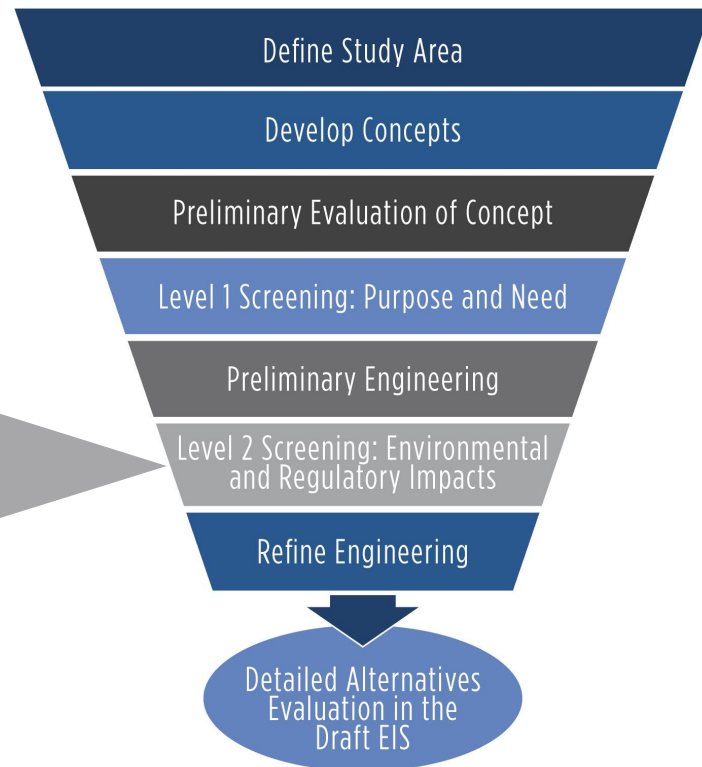
Level 1 Screening Results

ALTERNATIVE or CONDITION		Level 1 Screening: Purpose & Need								
		Local Mobility <i>PM peak hour operations (5-6pm) on Heber City Main Street (SR-32 to US-189/US-40)</i>					Regional Mobility <i>SR-32 to US-189</i>		Advanced to Level 2 Screening?	
		Number of Intersections at LOS F	Local Travel Time on Main Street <i>(m:s)</i>	Southbound Queue Length at 500 North <i>(feet)</i>	Southbound Segments with LOS F	Meets Heber City Vision <i>Impacts to downtown valued places/historic buildings</i>	Regional Travel Time on corridor <i>(m:s)</i>	Regional Travel Time on Main St		Conflict Points <i>Intersections, cross streets, driveways</i>
US-40 Existing Conditions (2019)		0	8:20	375	2	No	-	10:55	144	-
US-40 No-action (2050)		4	20:30	17,100	2	No	-	23:40	152-157	Yes
WB1 AG	West bypass – parkway and at-grade intersections	0	10:55	1,125	0	No	10:20	14:45	26–35	No
WB3 AG	West bypass – parkway and at-grade intersections with northern extension	0	10:35	1,325	0	No	8:15	14:05	12	No
WB1 FF	West bypass – limited access and free-flow intersections	0	10:35	1,150	1	Yes	7:25	13:55	1	Yes
WB3 FF	West bypass – limited access and free-flow intersections with northern extension	0	11:05	2,275	1	Yes	6:15	14:55	1	Yes

Level 2 Screening Process

Environmental and regulatory impacts include:

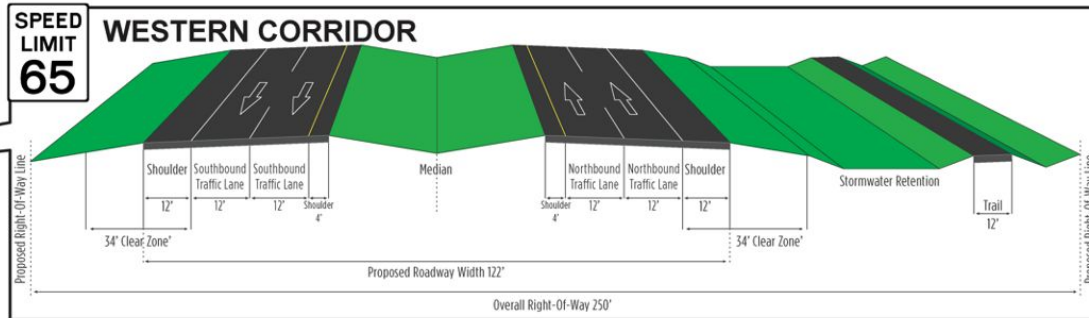
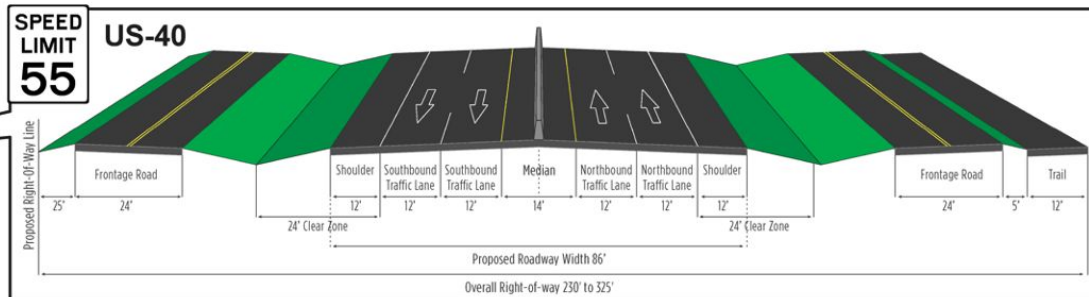
- Wetlands
- Section 4(f) resources
- Property impacts
- Cost



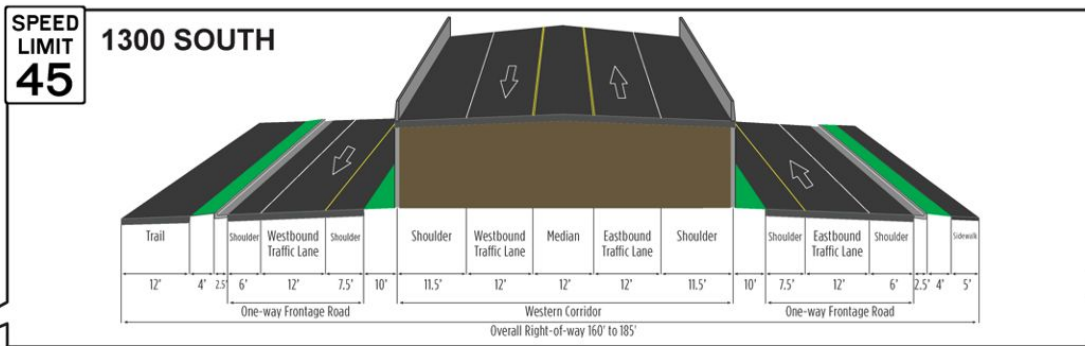
Level 2 Screening Results

ALTERNATIVE or CONDITION		Level 2 Screening: Key Resources				Cost (millions)	Advanced to Draft EIS?
		Impacts					
		Waters of the US (acres) <i>Canals, ditches perennial streams, wetlands</i>	Section 4(f) Resources <i>-Historic structures -Archaeological sites</i>	Potential Property Acquisitions			
				Potential Full Acquisitions	Full Acquisitions		
US-40 Existing Conditions (2019)		-	-	-		-	-
US-40 No-action (2050)		-	-	-		-	Yes
WB1 FF	West bypass – limited access and free-flow intersections	22.3	5 3.36 acres	2 residences 1 business under construction	11 residences 4 businesses 4 businesses under construction	\$590M	Yes
WB3 FF	West bypass – limited access and free-flow intersections with northern extension	51.2	1 4.62 acres	1 residence	5 residences 4 businesses	\$584M	Yes

US-40 and Western Corridor Cross-Section



1300 South Cross-Section

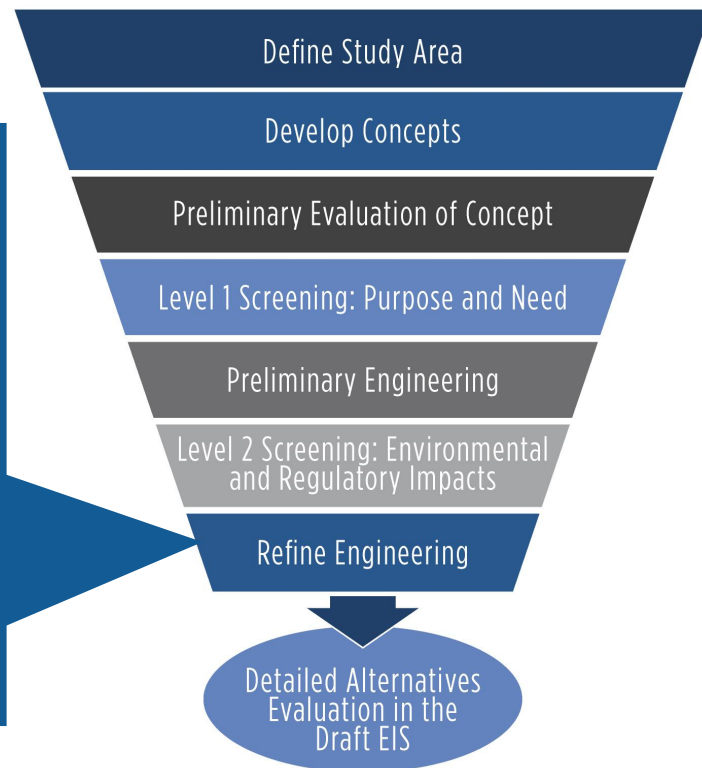


What to Expect Next

Alternatives Design Refinements

Design elements will address:

- **Non-motorized transportation**
- **Drainage and Stormwater management**
- **Access and connectivity to local road networks**
- **Conflict with major infrastructure and utilities**

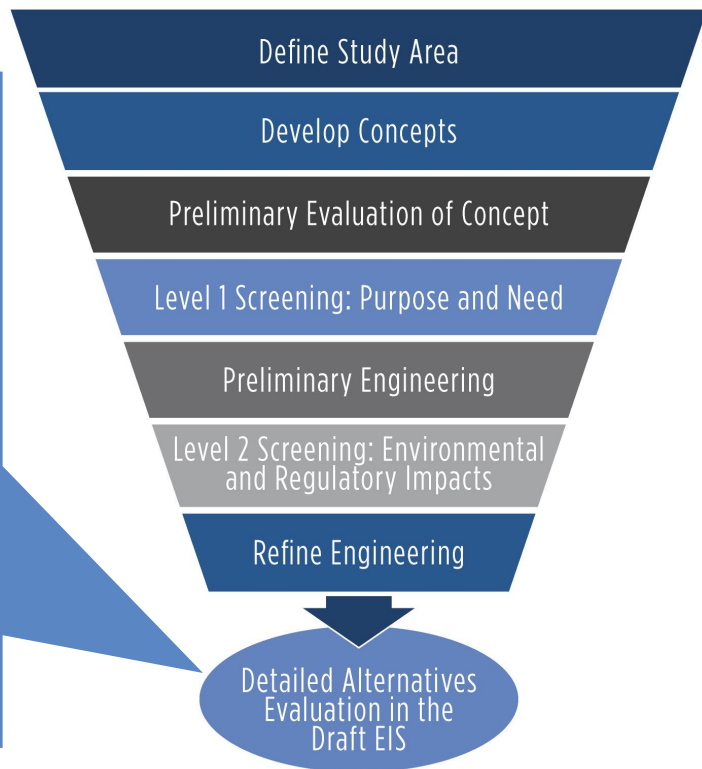


What to Expect Next

Detailed Evaluation of Alternatives (Draft EIS)

Impacts that will be evaluated include:

- Land use (including open space)
- Farmland
- Water quality
- Wildlife
- Visual resources
- Social and community resources
- Economics



Schedule



ONGOING STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual public meeting• 30-day comment period | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• File Notice of Intent to begin NEPA process• 45-day comment period | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development alternative concepts• 30-day comment period (concepts)• 45-day comment period (screening) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revise and screen alternatives• Publish revised screening report with refined alternatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public hearing• 45-day comment period | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respond to comments• Revise EIS• Publish decision• Public engagement |
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MONTHLY COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGULAR STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP MEETINGS



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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried-out by UDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by FHWA and UDOT.